infrastructural development for its operationalization. Depending on the interest shown by scheduled airlines AAI can consider further action.

Agreement with State Government of AP for airports expansion

1502. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has made an agreement with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for expansion of Vijayawada, Rajahmundary and Tirupati airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Andhra Pradesh for expansion and development of Vijayawada and Rajahmundary airports. As per the MoU, AAI will develop Vijayawada and Rajahmundary airports subject to the State Government acquiring and handing over the required additional land to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances alongwith some other concessions.

As regards Tirupati airport, there is no such MoU between AAI and the State Government.

Delay in services of Indian

1503. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delay in services of Indian in between Delhi-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad-Delhi, Ahmedabad-Mumbai, Mumbai-Ahmedabad and other routes as well during 1-1-07 to 28-2-07;

(b) whether the management is not able to regulate the timing, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of delays after boarding; and

(d) the details of delays on account of non-permission for landing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The details of delays in Indian Airlines services between Delhi-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad-Delhi, Ahmedabad-Mumbai, Mumbai-Ahmedabad and other routes too, during 1.1.2007 to 28.2.2007 is as follows:

Sector/Flight	Group 'A' Delays Rate (%)	Group 'B' Delays Rate (%)	Group 'C' Delays Rate (%)
Delhi-Ahmedabad (IC-817)	5.08	5.08	1.69
Delhi-Ahmedabad (IC-861)	1.69	3.38	54.24
Delhi-Ahmedabad (IC-885)	8.00	12.00	68.00
Ahmedabad-Delhi (IC-862)	NIL	1.69	71.18
Ahmedabad-Delhi (IC-886)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ahmedabad-Mumbai (IC-109)	NIL	1.69	15.25
Ahmedabad-Mumbai (IC-604)	NIL	NIL	81.03
Ahmedabad-Mumbai (IC-609)	NIL	NIL	64.15
Mumbai-Ahmedabad (IC-603)	1.82	NIL	58.18
Mumbai-Ahmedabad (IC-610)	NIL	1.72	63.79
Mumbai-Ahmedabad (IC-613)	NIL	NIL	NIL
All Regions	1.95	3.49	36.04

Note: Delay Rate (%) is the number of Delays per 100 take-offs.

Group 'A': Commercial, Operations, Engineering Ground Support, Surface Transport, Stores reasons, *i.e.* reasons within the purview of Indian Airlines.

Group 'B': Weather, Airport facilities, Misc. reasons *i.e.* reasons not within the purview of Indian Airlines.

Group 'C': Consequential reasons *i.e.* reasons not within the purview of Indian Airlines.

(b) All technical delays and cancellations are investigated to identify the cause and remedial action is taken immediately. A meeting of the representatives of operating departments at the Regional level is held every day to review previous 24 hours operations. Engineering delays and cancellations are dealt with promptly. At the base station, delays and

cancellations are analyzed to identify repetitive nature of snag. In case a repetitive snag is detected, special maintenance action is immediately taken to ensure the the snag does not persist. At the Headquarters level, the punctuality of services is monitored on a daily basis.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines does not maintain separate record of delays after boarding and on account of non-permission for landing.

Service tax on international sectors

1504. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various airlines have sent a proposal for removal of service tax on international sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the impact of this on their business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Airlines Representative of India [BAR (I)] have represented for review/withdrawal of the service tax levied on passenger fares (other than economy class) for international journeys originating in India, as no other country levy such a tax on passenger fare and it would pose serious problem in determination of service tax on various segments of a ticket.

(c) According to the airlines, this would increase the cost of air travel for First and Business class passengers, which would adversely impact the high and tourist/business traffic.

Real estate development at airport

1505. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Airport developer has been seeking more land at IGIA for putting up shopping plazas, hotels, market and non-aviation related activity;